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## TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGARDING HB6441

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I am Paul W. Brady, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT), representing over 85 engineering firms providing independent engineering services to the public and private sector. I also represent the Connecticut Society of Professional Engineers, representing over 250 licensed Professional Engineers in the state.

On behalf of both organizations, I would like to speak in support of HB6441, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DAM SAFETY PROGRAM.

This bill would increase the safety of over 3,000 dams here in Connecticut. It would affix responsibility for inspection, repair and review of these critical structures.

We have one minor suggestion that will clarify some liability issues:

In section 3, we recommend that the last sentence that begins on line 59 be changed to read, "Such sworn statement shall (1) attest that such engineer inspected the work and determined to the best of the engineer's knowledge, information and belief that the dam or like structure to be safe within the parameters of the design of such dam or like structure, (2) attest that to the best of the engineer's knowledge, information and belief that all appurtenances to such dam or like structure were built, repaired, altered or removed in conformance with plans, specifications and drawings approved by the commissioner pursuant to a permit for construction or an order issued pursuant to section 22a402, and (3) bear the engineer's professional seal. In making such attestation, if the inspecting engineer was not responsible for the design of such dam or like structure, the inspecting engineer shall be entitled to rely upon the design prepared by the designing engineer and shall not have to independently confirm said design."

Thank you for your consideration and I would be happy to answer any of your questions.

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